

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Behavioral Health	(2) MEETING DATE 1/29/2013	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Amy Olson, ASO II, 781-4729	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve: 1. the renaming of the Mental Health Board to the Behavioral Health Board to serve as the singular advisory body for Behavioral Health; and 2. a resolution to dissolve the Drug & Alcohol Advisory Board and integrate some Board members and duties into the Behavioral Health Board.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve the following: 1. the renaming of the Mental Health Board to the Behavioral Health Board to serve as the singular advisory body for Behavioral Health; and 2. a resolution to dissolve the Drug & Alcohol Advisory Board and integrate some Board members and duties into the Behavioral Health Board.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S)	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$550.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$550.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW 			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director
Karen Baylor, Ph.D., MFT, Behavioral Health Administrator

DATE: 1/29/2013

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RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

Over the past year, Behavioral Health management staff have been working with the membership and executive committees of the Mental Health Board and Drug & Alcohol Advisory Board to determine if there would be efficiencies and benefits to a singular advisory body. As other counties with Behavioral Health Departments have begun to consolidate advisory bodies to reflect the merging of substance use and mental health programs, the idea was presented for discussion to both local boards. Efficiencies discussed include the reduction of staff time in attending and supporting meetings, and greater communication between community members with shared interests and staff who conduct operations.

Both the Mental Health Board and Drug & Alcohol Advisory Board voiced their opinions and provided input as to how a combined-focus Board would best serve the County. On Wednesday, October 17, 2012, the Mental Health Board voted unanimously to rename itself the Behavioral Health Board. On Thursday, October 18, 2012, the members of the Drug & Alcohol Advisory Board agreed by consensus to support the move.

California's Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 5604 et seq., establishes a mandate for each County to have a mental health board, inclusive of "consumers or the parents, spouses, siblings, or adult children of consumers, who are receiving or have received mental health services." Because of this statute, both Boards agreed to leave the existing Mental Health Board Bylaws, meeting time and place, and leadership structure in place. The Drug & Alcohol Advisory Board, authorized and appointed by the Board of Supervisors as per the State's Health and Safety Code Section 11805, does not include such a mandate.

The newly formed Behavioral Health Board will expand its membership capacity from fifteen (15) to a range between ten (10) and twenty (20). This was determined to ensure that the members of the current Drug & Alcohol Advisory Board, who would like to move over to the Behavioral Health Board, would have seats available. Applications are now being collected from those members who would like to join the Behavioral Health Board and will be reviewed by the Behavioral Health Board to be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval at a later date. Current Mental Health Board members who will transition to the Behavioral Health Board include Joyce Heddleson, David Odell, Karl Hansen, Pam Crabaugh, Tyler Brown, Lorna Hewitt, Charmaine Quinlan, Jim Salio, Stephen Ponce, Lisa Kelley, David Reister, Jill Heuer, Theresa Merkle, Kelly Kenitz, and Frank Mecham.

The launch date for the Behavioral Health Board will be in January 2013 at which time the Behavioral Health Department

will provide a cross-training and reception for the newly-expanded group. Furthermore, during early 2013, the Behavioral Health Board will address its committee structure to assure the scope of the Board is supported with deeper discussions and community input. This may include the establishment of a Drug and Alcohol Advisory committee which would allow current members of the Drug & Alcohol Advisory Board and community, who are not members of the Behavioral Health Board, to convene and maintain their focus on alcohol and other drug related issues.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution as to form and legal effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The FY 2012-13 Budget includes a minimal amount to cover costs associated with maintenance of and memberships within the Mental Health Board and Drug & Alcohol Advisory Board. With the consolidation of the two Boards into the Behavioral Health Board, the costs will be nominally reduced to less than \$1,000 per year, approximately a \$550 savings.

RESULTS

The formation of the Behavioral Health Board will help to meet mandates for representation and ensure that it meets the goal to advocate effectively for the needs of those individuals dealing with mental illness and/or substance abuse, use, or recovery issues. Promotion of prevention measures, wellness, and stigma reduction within the County will be strengthened with the efforts of the Mental Health Board and Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board being combined into the Behavioral Health Board. Through their actions and recommendations, the Behavioral Health Board will contribute to the wider County vision of a healthy and safe community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Behavioral Health Board Resolution